

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1-4 and 6-8 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An image pickup device comprising:

an imaging image device;

an instruction unit that instructs the selection of a given chromatic color area on a photography screen; ~~and~~

a storage unit that stores a plurality of correction values which correspond to a plurality of persons' skin colors, respectively;

a selection unit that selects one of the plurality of persons' skin colors; and

a white balance processing unit that specifies a color temperature of a light source on the basis of a correction values value corresponding to ~~respective the person~~ skin colors of persons, registered on a person basis color selected by said selection unit, and an output signal of the imaging image device representing a parameter of the selected given chromatic color ~~within the instructed area and a correction value corresponding to a skin color of a selected person,~~ and conducts white balance processing in accordance with a white balance coefficient that corresponds to the specified color temperature of the light source.

2. (Currently Amended) An image pickup device according to claim 1, wherein the white balance processing unit calculates color evaluated values on the basis of the output signal of the image device ~~within the instructed area,~~ and specifies the color temperature of

the light source on the basis of a color evaluated value that is judged to be included in a predetermined chromatic color detection area among the calculated color evaluated values.

3. (Currently Amended) An image pickup device according to claim 2, wherein the chromatic color of the predetermined chromatic color detection area is a person's skin color.

4. (Currently Amended) An image pickup device according to claim 3, wherein the chromatic color detection area is generated on the basis of a the difference between a color evaluated value of a predetermined skin color which corresponds to the color temperature of the ~~photography~~ light source and a color evaluated value of an actually photographed person's skin color.

5. (Original) An image pickup device according to claim 1, wherein the instruction unit comprises one of a touch panel and a visual line input.

6. (Currently Amended) An image pickup device according to claim 3, wherein the predetermined chromatic color detection area is selected from a plurality of areas.

7. (Currently Amended) An image pickup device according to claim 6, wherein the predetermined chromatic color detection area is selected on the basis of an input language that is inputted to the image pickup device by a photographer.

8. (Currently Amended) A white balance processing method for an image pickup device, comprising:

instructing a display device that displays an image to select ~~and~~ a given chromatic color area of the image on the display device;

storing a plurality of correction values which correspond to a plurality of persons' skin colors respectively;

selecting one of the plurality of persons' skin colors; and

specifying a color temperature of a light source on the basis of a correction values value corresponding to ~~respective~~ the person skin colors of persons, ~~registered on a person basis~~ color selected in said selecting step, and an image signal representing a parameter of the selected given chromatic color ~~within the instructed area and a correction value corresponding to a skin color of a selected person; and~~

conducting white balance processing in accordance with a white balance coefficient that corresponds to the specified color temperature of the light source.

9-10. (Canceled)